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**Jose L. Linares**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: November 30, 1953  
Education: Jersey City State 1975 BA; Temple 1978 JD  
Began Service: December 3, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Supervising Attorney, Department of Investigation, City of New York, New York (1978-1980); Judge, Superior Court, County of Essex, New Jersey (2000-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Associate, Horowitz, Bross & Sinins (1980-1982); Partner, Linares & Seradzky, Esqs. (1982-1985); Senior Partner, Linares & Coviello, Esqs. (1985-1999); Senior Partner, Linares, Coviello & Santana, Esqs. (1999-2000)

**Nonprofit:** President, New Jersey Hispanic Bar Association

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, Fellow; Essex County Bar Association; Hispanic Bar Association; National Association of Trial Lawyers; New Jersey Association of Trial Lawyers; New Jersey State Bar Association

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**Freda L. Wolfson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: May 20, 1954  
Education: Rutgers 1976 BA; Rutgers (Newark) 1979 JD  
Began Service: December 4, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1986-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Associate, Lowenstein, Sandler, Kohl, Fisher & Boylan (1979-1981); Litigation Associate, Clapp & Eisenberg (1981-1986)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, Fellow; State Bar of New Jersey; Third Circuit Court of Appeals Bar

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**Stanley S. Brotman**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924  
Education: Yale 1947 BA; Harvard 1950 LLB  
Began Service: April 23, 1975  
Appointed By: President Gerald Ford  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Acting Chief Judge (temporarily designated), District Court of the Virgin Islands (1989-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner (1952-1957); Partner, Shapiro, Brotman, Eisenstat & Capizola (1957-1975)

**Military Service:** United States Armed Services, Office of Strategic Services (1943-1945); Armed Forces Security Agency (1951-1952); Armed Forces Security Agency (1951-1952)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Association Judicial Immigration Education Project; American Bar Foundation; American Judicature Society; Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey; Cumberland County Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Harvard Law School Association of New Jersey; Legal Club of Philadelphia; New Jersey State Bar Association

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**Dickinson R. Debevoise**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924  
Education: Williams 1948 AB;  
Columbia 1951 LLB  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Constitutional Law, Seton Hall University School of Law (1991-1994)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Phillip Forman, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1952-1953)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Debevoise & Hyland (1953-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1943-1945); United States Army (1951-1952)

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**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; New Jersey Bar Association

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**Harold A. Ackerman**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1928  
Education: Seton Hall 1948 BS; Rutgers (Newark) 1951 LLB  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner, United States Department of Labor and Industry (1956-1965)

**Judicial:** Judge, Compensation Court (1956-1965); Judge, Union County District Court (1965-1970); Judge, Union County Court (1970-1973); Judge, New Jersey Superior Court (1973-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Kapelsohn, Lerner, Leuchler & Reitman (1951-1954)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1946-1948)

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**Joseph H. Rodriguez**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: La Salle 1955 AB; Rutgers (Camden) 1958 LLB, 1968 JD  
Began Service: May 23, 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Chairman, State Board of Higher Education (1971-1973); Instructor, Rutgers University School of Law (1972-1982); Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Law School (1989-1992); Instructor, Rutgers University School of Law (1993-1994)

**Government:** Chairman, State Commission of Investigation, State of New Jersey (1974-1979); Public Advocate and Public Defender, State of New Jersey (1982-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Brown, Connery, Kulp, Wille, Purnell & Greene (1959-1982)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1950-1952)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; International Society of Barristers; New Jersey State Bar Association

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**Anne E. Thompson**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Howard U 1955 BA; Temple 1957 MA; Howard U 1964 LLB  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Staff Attorney, Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of Labor (1964-1965); Assistant Deputy Public Defender, State of New Jersey (1967-1970); Municipal Prosecutor, Township of Lawrence, New Jersey (1970-1972); Prosecutor, Office of the County Prosecutor, County of Mercer, New Jersey (1975-1979)

**Judicial:** Judge, Trenton Municipal Court (1972-1975); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1994-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1971-1975)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Mercer County Bar Association; New Jersey State Bar Association

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**John C. Lifland**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
Education: Yale 1954 BA; Harvard 1957 LLB  
Began Service: 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Member, New Jersey State Board of Bar Examiners (1968-1977); Law Secretary, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1959-1961)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1957-1959); Stryker, Tams & Dill (1961-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1958)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; Essex County Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; New Jersey State Bar Association

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